(Ireland.)

SECOND

REPORT

On Irish Grand Jury Presentments.

The SELECT COMMITTEE appointed to consider what Provisions it may be expedient to establish, for regulating the Grand Jury Presentments of *Ireland*, and to report the same, with their Observations thereupon, from time to time, to The House; and to whom the Petition of several Gentlemen, Landed Proprietors, and principal Farmers, of the Town and Manor of *Newtown Limavady*, in the County of *Londonderry*, was referred;—Beg to inform The House, That they have further considered the matters to them referred, and have agreed upon the following REPORT:

YOUR Committee having taken into consideration the grievance arising in several Counties in *Ireland*, from the inequality of Assessments, have agreed upon the following further Report, with the view of assisting the formation of a Bill, in a future Session, upon the subject of rendering the Levies made under the authority of Grand Juries more equal.

Your Committee find, That the various modes of levying the Grand Jury Assessments in *Ireland*, from the inequality of their pressure, arising out of the very distant period of time, and unsettled state of the Country, when such arrangements were devised, require immediate and complete alteration:

That the *Irish* Parliament did, at three several periods during the last century, viz. by an Act 9th of Anne, cap. 9; 1st Geo. II, cap. 13; and also by an Act 33 Geo. II, cap. 8; recognize the necessity of a revision and amendment of this system, and enjoin the Grand Juries ineffectually to proceed in such Revision:

That

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That it will be necessary, for the purpose in view, that a new Survey be effected of all the Lands of *Ireland*, accompanied by a Valuation, dividing them into three classes of Annual Profit, and excluding from such Valuation, all consideration of houses or buildings erected thereon:

That such Survey and Valuation ought to be made by the English or Statute Acre, and to be executed by Baronies subdivided into Parishes and Townlands, under the direction of competent sworn Surveyors, appointed by the several Grand Juries, and by Valuators appointed by the several Parishioners in vestry assembled:

That all Land of less value than One Shilling per acre, be deemed Unprofitable, and not liable to Assessment:

That the three classes of Annual Value, should be from One Shilling to Fifteen Shillings; from Fifteen Shillings to Thirty Shillings; and all above Thirty Shillings in the Third class:

That the Grand Jury Assessments be applotted thereon, in the Three several Rates of Assessment.

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
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